

Representative Cori Bush, RN

Congresswoman Cori Bush is a registered nurse, community activist, organizer, single mother, and ordained pastor representing the people of Missouri's First Congressional District. Congresswoman Bush is in her second term in the United States House of Representatives serving on the House Oversight Committee—including as Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs—and the House Judiciary Committee. Congresswoman Bush also co-chair of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Caucus, Congressional Caucus on Homelessness, and Congressional Mamas Caucus. Congresswoman Bush is dedicated to doing the most for St. Louis, starting with those who have the least. Since being sworn in to Congress, Congresswoman Bush has introduced several pieces of legislation to address nuclear contamination in her district and discussed these issues in Committee hearings and meetings with Biden Administration officials. Among her efforts include her successful inclusion of her amendment to the PACT Act, which required veterans who worked or spent time near the Manhattan Project in St. Louis to be studied to determine the impacts of toxic exposure on their health.

Patricia R. Hastings, D.O., M.P.H., FACEP, RN

Dr. Patricia R. Hastings is an Emergency Physician and has completed a Disaster Medicine Fellowship with an emphasis in Public Health. She retired from the Army after 33 years of service at the rank of Colonel. Dr. Hastings is board certified in Emergency Medicine and has had a long and diverse career as a health provider. She entered the Army after medical school at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Science in Des Moines, Iowa. She also worked as a paramedic and RN after graduating from nursing school. In her last military assignment, Dr. Hastings served as the Medical Director, Operations, Office of the Joint Staff Surgeon, Office of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. At her retirement, Dr. Hastings was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal for many accomplishments and contributions to military medicine in the areas of trauma, medical ethics and global health policy issues including responses to Ebola, Zika, MERS-CoV and bioterrorism preparedness/response.

Danny K. McClung, RRPT, FHPS

Danny McClung is the Health Physicist and Radiological Consultant for the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) program office of Health Outcomes Military Exposures since 2008. He prepares advisory medical opinions for certain Veteran compensation cases, where radiation is claimed as the cause of disease and disability. Mr. McClung is also a member of the VHA National Radiation Safety Committee and, as such, oversees the management of the VA's Nuclear Regulatory Commission master materials license for 115 permitted medical facilities. He provides subject matter expertise of radiological resources to all VHA and was the former Program Manager for the VHA Medical Emergency Radiological Response Team (2009-2013). Before arriving at VHA, Mr. McClung was the Assistant Radiation Safety Officer for the University of Louisville, where he managed two Commonwealth of Kentucky licenses of broad scope for academic and clinical uses of radioactive material and ensured the safe use of machine-produced radiation. He has also worked as a Health Physicist at the National Institutes of Health, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and the National Institute of Standards and

Technology's Center for Neutron Research. Before his civilian career, he spent 21 years in the US Army with assignments in hospital radiation safety, nuclear weapons testing, radiobiology research, and operational preventive medicine. He retired from the Army at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8). Mr. McClung was admitted as a Fellow of the Health Physics Society in 2021. He is an associate member of the American Academy of Health Physics, having completed part one of the American Board of Health Physics certification process in 2023. Mr. McClung has maintained active practitioner status in the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists (NRRPT) since 1990 and was elected to serve as Chairman of the NRRPT Board of Directors starting January 1, 2024.

Peter D. Rumm, M.D., M.P.H., FACPM

Dr. Rumm, Health Outcomes Military Exposures (HOME) Director of Policy, is an expert on environmental and military exposure topics and policy. He is a pediatrician and preventive medicine physician who came to VA from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), whose roles included deputy division director in pre-market divisions dealing with the regulation and safety of medical devices. He is a Fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine (ACPM) and has served in leadership positions for the ACPM, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and the American Association of Public Health Physicians (AAPHP). Dr. Rumm was formerly a Chief Medical Officer and State Epidemiologist in the Wisconsin Division of Public Health. During his time in Wisconsin, Dr. Rumm was a special CDC employee serving on the National Advisory Committee on Children and Terrorism. He then served as an Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health and was the Director of the Center for Public Health Readiness and Communication at the Drexel School of Public Health in Philadelphia. Dr. Rumm's other former professional positions include: 1) Chief, Division of Epidemiology, The Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine in Landstuhl, Germany; and 2) Officer in Charge, Fort Clayton and other Canal Zone Health Care Clinics, Panama. Dr. Rumm also served as a part-time editor for the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General during part of his time at FDA. Dr. Rumm has received a lifetime alumni achievement award from Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia, and has received a number of other local and international awards and recognitions for his work (including an Order of Malta award from the military health command of Italy). Dr. Rumm is a 2017 graduate of VA's Leadership VA program and the Health Care Leadership Development Program in 2022.

Aaron Schneiderman, Ph.D., M.P.H., RN

Dr. Aaron Schneiderman is Director of Department of Veterans Affairs Health Outcomes of Military Exposures (HOME) Epidemiology Program. His research focuses on the effects of military-related occupational and environmental exposures on the health and well-being of veterans. Dr. Schneiderman is the principal investigator of studies of OEF/OIF/OND Veterans, most recently: the Comparative Health Assessment Interview (CHAI) Research Study. In conjunction with DoD and VA colleagues he has supported an interagency collaboration on DoD's Millennium Cohort Study. He is also co-investigator of other research activities of the Epidemiology Program addressing veterans of earlier deployed cohorts, including the 1990-1991 Gulf War and the Vietnam War. He received bachelors' degrees from the University of

California at Santa Cruz, and the University of Maryland School of Nursing, and Masters of Public Health and Doctoral degrees from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.